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In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2006, Applicant elects Group I  
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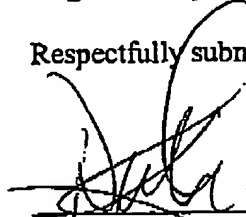
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